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Professor Horning,  
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Dear Professor Horning:

I have just seen an account published in last night's "Telegram" of your lecture at Opeville which called out such serious protests. At the present juncture when I am doing all in my power to protect the Germans on our staff to have a lecture of this kind is to me very disquieting. We cannot take risks with the public at present, and it was surely very indiscreet to skate on such thin ice as you did. In these circumstances I think that the Extension Committee cannot undertake the responsibility of your lecturing elsewhere during the present crisis. As I said we have to weight what we say with the greatest possible care. I am endeavouring to stand for fairness and justice and at such a time indiscretion is dangerous.

Yours sincerely,

President.